

### Flu Watch

MMWR Week 36: September 3 to September 9, 2023

All data are provisional and subject to change as more reports are received.

#### **Geographic Spread**



South Carolina reported **sporadic activity** this week.

#### **Influenza Indicators**

| Influenza<br>Indicator | Change from<br>Previous Week |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Lab-confirmed tests    | Decreased                    |
| ILI Percent            | No Change                    |
| Hospitalizations       | Increased                    |

#### Regional Influenza Activity



No Change



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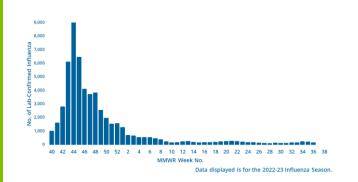
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#### **Virologic Surveillance**

This week **132** lab-confirmed tests were reported. In the current flu season, there have been **58,748** lab-confirmed tests reported.



#### Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

The percent of patient visits to sentinel providers for an influenza-like illness (ILI) was **2.3%**, which is **below** South Carolina's baseline (**3.6%**). The ILI activity level overall was **minimal**.

# 2% 2% 1% 1% 19-Aug 26-Aug 2-Sep 9-Sep Week Ending Data displayed is for 2022-23. Influenza Season.

#### **Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations**

This week **15** influenza-associated hospitalizations were reported by **53** hospitals. The cumulative hospitalization rate is **67.1 per 100,000**. In the current flu season, there have been **3,407** influenza-associated hospitalizations.

#### **Influenza-Associated Deaths**

This week, 1 influenza-associated death was reported; however, the death occurred during a previous week. The cumulative mortality rate is 3.2 per 100,000. In the current flu season, there have been 161 influenza-associated deaths.

For a description of South Carolina's influenza surveillance components and definitions go to: <a href="http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/">http://www.scdhec.gov/Health/DiseasesandConditions/InfectiousDiseases/Flu/FluData/</a>

For national surveillance, please visit: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/">https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/</a>

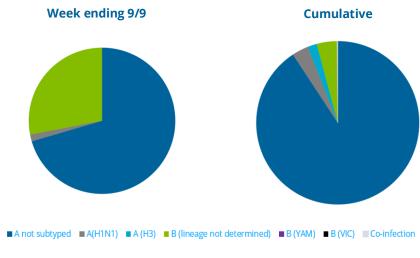
# Virologic Surveillance

| Lab-Confirmed Influenza Cases by Influenza Type to Date* |                  |             |             |            |                     |  |  |
|--|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------------|--|--|
|  | No. of Cases (%) |             |             |            |                     |  |  |
| Influenza<br>Type  | This<br>Week     | 2022-23     | 2021-22     | 2020-21    | 5 season<br>average |  |  |
| Overall  | 132              | 58748       | 17893       | 269        | 6698                |  |  |
| Influenza A  | 95(72.0)         | 54861(93.4) | 17335(96.9) | 99(36.8)   | 5896(88.0)          |  |  |
| A(H3)  |                  | 1020(1.9)   | 573(3.3)    |            | 351(6.0)            |  |  |
| A(H1N1)  | 2(2.1)           | 1900(3.5)   | 554(3.2)    | 5(5.1)     | 473(8.0)            |  |  |
| A(NS)**  | 93(97.9)         | 51941(94.7) | 16208(93.5) | 94(94.9)   | 5072(86.0)          |  |  |
|  |                  |             |             |            |                     |  |  |
| Influenza B  | 37(28.0)         | 3810(6.5)   | 537(3.0)    | 165(61.3)  | 790(11.8)           |  |  |
| B (Victoria)   |                  |             |             |            | 51(6.5)             |  |  |
| B(Yamagata)  |                  |             |             |            | 12(1.5)             |  |  |
| B (LND)⁺   | 37(100.0)        | 3810(100.0) | 537(100.0)  | 165(100.0) | 727(92.1)           |  |  |
|  |                  |             |             |            |                     |  |  |
| Influenza Virus<br>Coinfection <sup>§</sup>              |                  | 77(0.1)     | 21(0.1)     | 5(1.9)     | 12(0.2)             |  |  |
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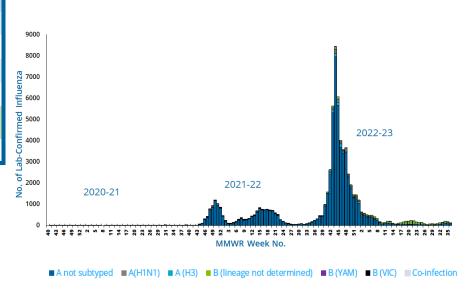


<sup>\*\*</sup>NS - not subtyped +LND - lineage not determined

#### **Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, by Virus Type**



#### Laboratory-Confirmed Influenza Cases, 2020-21 Season to Present



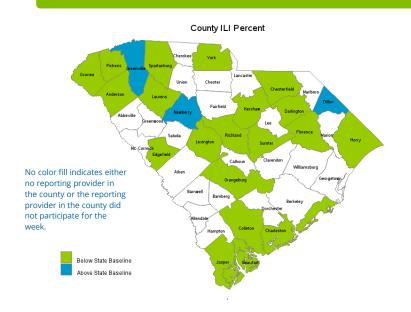
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>§</sup>Cases with more than one influenza A subtype in the same sample or with influenza A and B viral types in the same sample simultaneously.

## Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) Surveillance

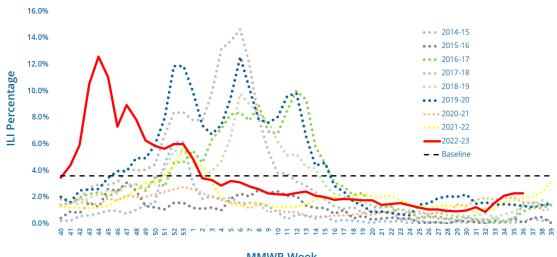
This week, the ILI activity level was minimal and 2.3% of patient visits to SC ILINet providers were attributed to an influenza-like illness. This is **below** the state baseline of **3.6%**.

Reports were received from providers in 23 counties, representing all DHEC Public Health regions.

\*\*ILI percentage is dependent upon the number of reporting providers and/or can vary by disease activity or the number of providers submitting reports.\*\*



#### Percentage of Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Visits Reported by Sentinel Providers for Past and Current Seasons



#### MMWR Week

#### State ILI Activity Level by MMWR Week, 2016-17 Influenza **Season to Present**



ILI ACTIVITY LEVELS: MINIMAL LOW MODERATE HIGH

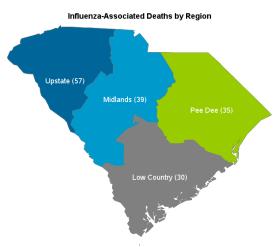
# Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations And Deaths

| Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by Age Group* |                                |             |              |               |               |             |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
|   | No. of Hospitalizations (Rate) |             |              |               |               |             |
| Influenza<br>Season                                 | Overall                        | Ages<br>0-4 | Ages<br>5-17 | Ages<br>18-49 | Ages<br>50-64 | Ages<br>65+ |
| This Week   | 15(0.3)                        |             |              | 7(0.3)        | 1(0.1)        | 7(0.8)      |
| 2022-23   | 3407(67.1)                     | 87(30.5)    | 126(15.3)    | 613(29.8)     | 740(73.4)     | 1841(204.2) |
| 2021-22   | 704(13.9)                      | 34(11.9)    | 30(3.6)      | 169(8.2)      | 147(14.6)     | 324(35.9)   |
| 2020-21   | 188(3.7)                       | 2(0.7)      |              | 53(2.6)       | 40(4.0)       | 93(10.3)    |
| 5 season<br>average                                 | 2240(45.2)                     | 97(33.4)    | 89(11.0)     | 375(18.4)     | 555(56.1)     | 1124(136.2) |

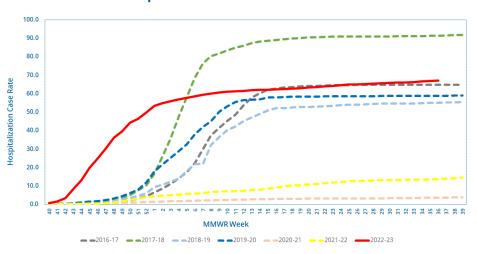
#### Influenza-Associated Deaths by Age Group\*

|                     | No. of Deaths (Rate) |             |              |               |               |             |
|---------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Influenza<br>Season | Overall              | Ages<br>0-4 | Ages<br>5-17 | Ages<br>18-49 | Ages<br>50-64 | Ages<br>65+ |
| This Week           |                      |             |              |               |               |             |
| 2022-23             | 161(3.2)             |             | 6(0.7)       | 8(0.4)        | 36(3.6)       | 111(12.3)   |
| 2021-22             | 36(0.7)              |             | 2(0.2)       | 1(0.1)        | 10(1.0)       | 23(2.6)     |
| 2020-21             | 19(0.4)              |             |              | 2(0.1)        | 2(0.2)        | 15(1.7)     |
| 5 season<br>average | 118(2.4)             | 1(0.3)      | 1(0.1)       | 12(0.6)       | 25(2.5)       | 79(9.5)     |

\*Data presented from previous influenza seasons represents the data from that season through the same week as the current season. Nationally, the influenza season begins with MMWR week 40 and ends with MMWR week 39. The 2022-23 influenza season began on October 2, 2022 and will end on September 30, 2023.



#### **Cumulative Hospitalization Rate for Past and Current Seasons**



#### Reported Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations, 2020-21 Season to Present

